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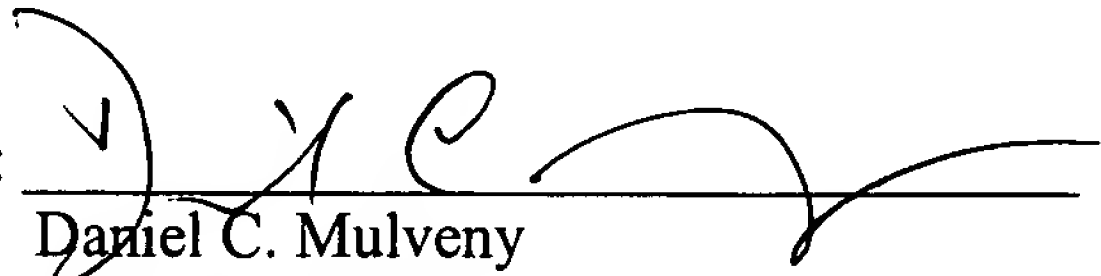
The Examiner's Amendment relates to an aspect of the invention that the mesoporous carbon material of the supported mesoporous carbon membranes is obtained from a polymeric precursor composition comprising a carbonizing polymer and a noncarbonizing templating polymer. *See, e.g.*, Claims 1, 16, 32, and 34. The Examiner's Amendment is also directed to another aspect of the invention in that the mesoporous carbon material has a pore size distribution mode in the mesoporous range of from 2 to 50 nm. *See, e.g.*, Claims 27, 30, and 31. The Examiner's Amendment is also directed to another aspect of the invention in that the invention relates to supported carbon ultrafiltration membranes. *See, e.g.*, Claims 1, 16, 27, 30, 31, 32, and 34. As the Examiner stated in the Examiner's Amendment, the invention is not disclosed or suggested by the cited prior art. Further, Applicants submit that the prior art made of record and not relied upon does not disclose or suggest the invention of the present claims.

Applicants believe no extension of time for response is due with this paper. However, if an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above is necessary for consideration of this paper, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account No. 03-2775. If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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